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1. WHether the King hath not lately by Actions, as well as Promiſes, declar'd himſelf for the Intereſt of the Church of *England*; and whether thoſe Republicans, who have always made it their buſineſs to libel Kings, can more effectually abuſe his preſent Majeſty, than in traducing him as their Friend, and in uſing, as heretofore, a King's Name againſt his Deſign and Intereſt?

2. Whether thoſe are true to the Intereſt of that Church, who endeavour'd in the laſt Seſſion to incapacitate ſome of the beſt Members of it; and who were ſo far from granting that Amneſty which the King deſir'd and propos'd, that they carryed their Fury back to more than one preceding Reign, and ſet aſide all Acts of Indemnity, but that, which moſt of them need, in the Year 1660?

3. Whether ſince the Diſſenters do not now deſire a Toleration for themſelves, which we have already granted, but openly threaten and purſue their Revenge on us, it is not neceſſary that theſe apparent dangers, at leaſt, ſhould awaken us out of our Lethargy; and whether the Negligence of the Church of *England*, which on like occaſions heretofore, was thought the reſult of Pity and good Nature, would not now be eſteem'd the Effect of Cowardice and Stupidity?

4. Whether thoſe Gentlemen of the Sword, who have Offices in *Ireland*, would not be better imploy'd in a Council of War than a Senate-Houſe? Whether, if they think it convenient, it would not be proper for them to make one Viſit to the *Remains* of their Regiments there, and to contribute by ſome other means to the Reducing that Kingdom, than by *giving Taxes*?

5. Whether those restless Phanaticks, who have been bred up in Rebellion, and have always since been active Promoters of Sedition, ought not in conscience to desist now, and to be contented with the *single* glory of having *once* ruin'd this Kingdom?

6. Whether those Worthy Gentlemen have been justly expos'd, in a late impudent Pamphlet, that were more hasty for sending a *speedy Relief* into *Ireland*, than for changing the Right of Succession in an Hereditary Kingdom; and whether they may not possibly deserve a place again in the House, though they thought it more expedient for this Nation to beat K. *James* out of that *One* Kingdom, than to Vote his Daughter out of *Three*?

See a List of those that were for the Regency 1690. Lond.

7. Whether the King be not now sensible, that most of those hasty Abdicators did not change the Succession out of kindness to him, but out of a farther Design of bringing in a Common-wealth, or, in other words, of making this an Elective and precarious Monarchy?

8. Whether the Temper of those Excellent Members deserves Censure, who have promoted a General Pardon, and in that an Universal Quiet and Satisfaction; and who were not very active in suspending the Bishops, *unwhipping Oats*, and in excepting every body out of the *no-Act* of Indemnity?

9. Whether any Man can justly stand Recommended to your Choice by no other Advantages than those of an old Treason, and a long Exile for it? and whether one may reasonably be thought to have improv'd his Crime into Vertue, and to become a *Patriot* of his Country, by being *outlaw'd* into *Holland*?

10. Whether such men as these may not possibly be Factors for *Geneva* and *Amsterdam*, and more mindful of their late Fellow-Burgers than their old Countrymen; and whether their frequent protestation, That they are *true Englishmen*, would not convince the greatest Sceptick,

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(if he understands their veracity) that they are *not* so.

11. Whether our good Brethren the *Dutch*, according to their usual kindness, would not, in all probability, have forborn to arrest us for their Debt, 'till the Conquest of *Ireland* had put us in a capacity of repaying them; and whether those Men, who in the absence of most of the Members, gave 600000 *l.* to the *Dutch*, did not more consider their own good will to the Creditors, than our ability?

12. Whether it was not a strange instance of Justice, in a Knight of the Shire, to move for a new Assessment of his own County; and whether if the County do not choose him again, they will not demonstratively shew, that they have more kindness for their Money than their Representative? *I do not mean Sir R. Nudigate, nor Sir R. Cotton of Cheshire.*

13. Whether there ever was a better Parliament in General, than that of K. *James* the Second, and whether any body would approve the Re-election of those worthy Members, who do not wish for a new *Monmouth*, and another *Argyle*?

14. Whether many honest Gentlemen, of Nice Principles, did not desist from standing at the last Election, as having raised more Scruples to themselves than they could easily answer; and therefore not hoping to untie the *Gordian* Knot, put it for once into the hands of those men who could effectually cut it? And whether now these Gentlemen will not be concern'd to redeem their neglect, and the more diligently to avert the blow, by how much the less careful they were to prevent the stroke?

15. Whether the Clergy of the C. of *E.* are not concern'd to be as diligent against Phanaticism now, as of late against Popery; at least, such of them as have a greater Respect for Pulpits and Chappels, than for Tubs and Barns?

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16. Whether if those men who were incapacitated for procuring or consenting to Surrenders, shall again Vote for their Judges, they will not give a signal Instance of their forgiving humour, and shew to the World, that they have a great share of *good Nature*, though perhaps not an equal portion of *Sense*?

Qu. Whether Mr. Sacheverell.

17. Whether it would not be Heroick for all those Publick-spirited Gentlemen, to take up Mr. S—'s Resolution of never standing again 'till they can be chosen by *honest Regulators only*?

18. Whether the incapacitating Clause was not brought into the House by Mr. *Sach*——— and whether the following List be not a true account of those that seconded him in it?

Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Mayor, Recorder, Alderman, Steward, Sheriff, Common-Council-man, Town-Clerk, Magistrate or Officer; who did take upon him to consent to, or joyn in, any such Surrender, or Instrument purporting such Surrender as aforesaid. Or did solicit, procure, prosecute, or did pay or contribute to the charge of prosecuting any Scire Facias, Quo Warranto, *or Information in the nature of* Quo Warranto, *by this Act declared void, shall be, and is declared, adjudged, and Enacted to be for the space of seven years uncapable, and disabled to all Intents and Purposes, to bear, or execute any Office, Imployment, or Place of Trust, as a Member of such respective Body Corporate, or in or for such respective City, Town, Burgh or Cinque-port, whereof, or wherein he was a Member, at, or before the time of making such Surrender, or Instrument purporting such Surrender, or the suing out, or prosecuting such* Scire Facias, Quo Warranto, *or Information in nature of* Quo Warranto, *any thing in this Act contained, or any other Case, Statute, or any Ordinance, Charter, Custom, or any thing to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.*

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Buſſy Manſell, Eſq;
Sir *Rowland Gwynn*, Kt.

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Roger L'estrange's QUERIES CONSIDERED;

AND

Some Queries put, for the Consideration of those Persons, whose Judgments are in danger of being again Poysoned by the Snare of smooth Words; calculated to the humour of a Biggot, for the helping the Indigent Case of King *James*, and Vindicating the Non-Abdicators.

1. WHether the Church of *England* ought not to be content, and very grateful, that the King has so often declared himself for the Church of *England*, without obliging his Majesty on pain of their Displeasure (and no less a Scandal than Presbyterian in his Heart) to subjoyn a profess'd Abhorrence and inveterate Enmity against all his Dissenting Subjects?

2. Whether the Church of *England* or Dissenters have most made it their Business to Libel the present King, or whether indeed they ever did Libel him to the Degree of our Query-maker in his sixth Query; and whether it be the sin against the Holy Ghost, for the Dissenters to glory in the Friendship of their King, who has given them his Royal Word for his Favour and Protection in the Liberty of their Con-

ſcience, which is ſo much repined at, and the King ſo much hated for?

3. Whether it be really the Church of *England* (or our Query-maker only that makes her ſo) that makes her ſelf a Sanctuary for all the Offenders of the laſt Reign? and if ſo, What ſhe can anſwer to her excluding the late King *James*, while none of his Inſtruments are thought guilty enough to ſuffer, no, nor to be excluded doing the ſame things again, if they have Opportunity?

4. Whether alſo it had not been as mannerly in our Inquirer to have ſet down a Liſt of all thoſe Members that ſtood in need of Indemnity 1660. to make out that it was a majority? or whether his Credit be good enough to paſs without Proof, who ſtands in ſo much need of an Indemnity himſelf, and of a Pillory now for traducing 146 Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons as Republicans or old Rebels, becauſe againſt his Will they Voted his preſent Majeſty King, and took the Sword of Perſecution out of the hand of the Church of *England*?

5. Whether his third Query be not inſinuation enough to make the Church of *England* loath him, who foſter upon them his own Spirit of Blood and War, ſo contradictory to the known and practiſed Doctrine of the Church, Charitiy and Paſſive Obedience? and what but Rebellion can this Libeller inſinuate, when he ſays the Church of *England* will be eſteem'd Cowards and Stupid, if they do not awake againſt thoſe his Majeſty has taken into his Protection?

6. Whether this Fellow is not a fit Perſon to be hugg'd by the Church of *England*, that ſhall boaſt in Print that our Army in *Ireland* are but Remains of Regiments, and propoſing other means to reduce *Ireland* than giving Taxes, (*viz.* recalling K. *James*) if he does not mean that, we deſire him to name thoſe other means, not doubting his Ma-

Majesty, as well as the Nation, will take it very kindly of him, to put us in a way to reduce the Kingdom without Money, or a way for Money without Taxes?

7. Whether any Dissenter ever denyed his fifth Query; or what his reason is for putting it; or how he will prove all those qualifications upon any Member of the House.

8. Whether it be fit for this Query-maker to call in question the Actions of Parliament; and if it be, how he will make it out that the House changed the Right of Succession; and how will the Church of *England* answer to a Charge against their boasted Loyalty, for suffering an Impudent Scribler to call the making his Majesty King, a Voting Queen *Mary* out of three Kingdoms; or whether this be not such an Affront to his Majesty and the present Government, as any Subject that has respect for either cannot but regret?

9. Whether it is not as likely they should be his Majesties Friends that Voted for making him King, as those that were against it; and whether ever the King told this Query-maker, he was sensible they had Republican Designs in doing it?

10. Whether the Temper of those Members does not deserve Censure, who were so hasty for a General Pardon, that they could not stay to think of making Inquisition for Blood, that so the guilt of all the Blood spilt in the late Tyranny might devolve on the Nation, but preferr'd their own security against the lash of the Law, to the just retribution that God Almighty expected from their hands, in whom he had placed the dispensing of Justice, and to the King's being just to his Declaration.

11. Whether it was not a sign of an excelling Loyalty in those Members who so carefully provided that the King should swear at his Coronation to protect the Bishops in all their Episcopal Rights, who at the same time refused to swear Allegiance to him, or to own him as their Head,

and how much it went againſt the grain to have them ſuſpended for it, is diſcernable in every Query he makes?

12. Whether Whipping *Oats* was not an Inſtance of Tyranny and Cruelty, in a Nation that of all the World pretends to Humanity, and to have no Tortures practiſed; and whether the oppoſing that reverſing Vote, was not more to ſhew their good Will than any Spleen to the Man himſelf?

13. Whether if all theſe things do not unqualifie a Member for a place in the Houſe, *Qu. 6.* Why being baniſhed by the Cruelty of an Abdicated Tyrant, ſhould unfit a Man for the Service of his Countrey, remains to be proved?

14. Whether the boaſting of Loyalty and the Church of *England* may not evince a Factor for Popery, as well as ſaying, I am a true *Engliſh* Man, proves one to be none; and whether the Loyalty ſo lately in Vogue, and the Zeal for the Church, was not more in the Mouths of thoſe very Men, who ſince in *France* and *Ireland* went openly to Maſs, than in any other; and whether the Church of *England* are not now too much awake to be ſo ridden again?

15. Whether *England* is reduced to ſo much Exigence, as to make Compoſition for time with the States of *Holland*, for what they expended on our Account; and whether this Gentleman is not for leſſening our Figure in the World, and our Value abroad, which is indeed much for our Intereſt, by having a Meſſage ſent to the States, *viz. May it pleaſe your High and Mightineſſes, your poor and needy Brethren of* England *are not able yet to repay you, but if you will have Patience with them, they will be very honeſt, and pay you all.* And further, Whether this Gentleman ever look'd over the Act for repaying the *Dutch*, to ſee how many Years it will be before they will have their Money?

16. Whether the Gentleman did not deſign to leave ſome unanſwerable Query in his Paper, by not telling who did

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so, that so we might not examine the particular Case; and whether if any Member saw an Act of Parliament evaded, and the King cheated, as he was most loyally in that Bill, it was not a Noble and Generous Honesty to move for a just Review even among his best Friends?

17. Whether his 13th. Query has not a little Nonsense in it; and whether he can shew any particular quality in the Parliament of K. *James* the second, to distinguish them from all Parliaments that ever was, save that there was a full Brigade of Sword-men in it, for which he in particular quarrels at this Parliament, in which are very few?

18. Whether any Man may not start Questions that no Man can Answer? or what Scruples any Man made at the Actions of K. *James*, which he so much repented of as to make him desist in Point of Conscience from standing at the last Election?

And for a Query by the way; Whether it is not likely they have some other end than a bare serving their Countrey in the House, who bid so high for Votes, that an honest Man that has no self-end cannot afford to give; and that for the pure and single benefit of Religion, and propagation of the Church of *England*, Debauch the Nation with drunken Treats, to engage them to choose them to sit in Parliament, that they may plead Priviledge in Barr of their just * Debts; and whether this was not a grand Reason why a Bill for Regulating Elections has so often been offered, but could never Pass in the last House?

* I do not mean Sir Peter Rich.

19. Whether the 15th Query be not the bottom of all the rest, and the onely Card they have to play, who watch for our Division to overturn the Government once again, in hopes of reaping the sweet Harvest of a common Calamity, to make amends for their present Poverty, who formerly made great gain of the Pretence of Religion.

gion. *Heu! Quantum profuit hæc fabula Christi?*

20. Whether it is likely this Libeller ſhall be Judge of the good Nature or ſence of the People of *England*, or that his Opinion muſt be the Standard of Elections to come?

21. Whether his Reflection on Mr. *Sacheveril*, and publiſhing a Liſt of Members, is not more their Honour and Vindication than Reflection, eſpecially from his ſordid Scandal on them in his ſecond Query?

22. Whether, To give one Inſtance of the Ingenuity and Generoſity of the Party this Fellow pleads for, it be not very remarkable, how our Four new Candidates for *London* ſtood by, and ſee a profligate drunken Fellow, that calls himſelf of the Church of *England*, bid the Sheriff of *London*, executing his Office with unqueſtionable and indiſputable Integrity, Kiſs his Poſteriors on the *Huſtings* in *Guild-hall*, and not ſo much as Reprove him for it, much leſs Commit him, as they ought in Honour to have done? and whether in doing it they had not gained more Honour, and more vindicable Credit, than by clandeſtine Calls on the Livery, foreſtalling of Votes, and Sunday Cabals, engaging an Intereſt for their Election?

23. Whether the Kings late Letter for the Reforming the Clergy and the whole Nation, has in it any ſuch horrible thing, as to have it publickly called *A damn'd Phanatical Cant*? And whether the Church it ſelf ever pretended to be ſo Infallible as to need no ſuch Admonition, or that no Reformation can be made in it, either in its Hierarchy or in its Members, that can fall ſhort of *Presbytery* and *Phanatiſm*?

24. Whether Dr. *Sherlock*'s appearing in the Pulpit after a Deprivation by Act of Parliament, be not the Effect of the ſame Spirit; who being adviſed by the Learned in the Law, and permitted by his Superiours in the ſame Circumſtances

cumſtances, dare openly affront the Government, and bid Defiance to an Act of Parliament, as a further Teſtimony of the Practice as well as Profeſſion of the Doctrine of Paſſive Obedience?

Laſtly, Why the Church of *England*, ſhould after all the Publick Acknowledgments of their calling in the *P.* of *O.* and after their Solemn Joyning with him in his Enterprize, and thanks to him for performing it, and to God for the Succeſs, now ſtrive to have it agreed, that he came in by Conqueſt, which is paſt my Learning to unriddle, and very little for the Honour of the Nation for them to acknowledge.

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